
Title: This Immortal Coil

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Until the ends of time.
Ost nagramee ramen.
Till night doth come.
Rieme let droh x'hum.
And sweer darkness
takes all.
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Death is but a
stepping over, a
passage through the
Shroud. The moment
of death is a rite of
passage marking the
end of one journey
and the beginning of
another, a path
available to us at any
time

The thousands of
things undone, the
millions of roads not
traveled, the longings
and regrets; they do
not die with the body.
Instead they linger on
and make a life of
their own. They
become ghosts. They
become shadows.

Trapped between
this world and the
next, we are lost in
the immortal gloom of
damnation. Held
together out of pure
misery, they are

trapped by their past,
their longings and
their fear.

Many are the
products of sudden,
violent or cruel
deaths. They are
bound by a sense of
crucial deeds undone,
of unsaid words
breaking in their
hearts, of a life cut
short by Fate. Others
are consumed by
tragic longing for
happiness and
fulfillment denied
them in life. A few
are driven by
bitterness, anger or
passionate ideals.

They all have some
essence of meaning
left to express or
excise. All existence
is expression,
expecially in the
Underworld, and the
dead fight to survive.
Climbing to whatever
shreds of memory
and passion they have
left, they build
castles out of flotsam
in the attempt to keep
the foul waters of
Oblivion out. They are
hermits and artisans,
forever polishing
memories until purity
exerts its own small
resistance against the
force of entropy.

Transcendence of
any sort requires
passage into the Void,
the very heart of
OBLIVION. The inner
darkness of the
shadow must be
embraced, nihilism
denied, fear spurned
and passion embraced.
The past must be
abandoned; the futur

must unfold. Those
who do not do not grow.
who cannot overcome
pain, who do not feel,
or who do not exalt in
their own existence
despite the fear are
swallowed whole by
the Darkness.

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